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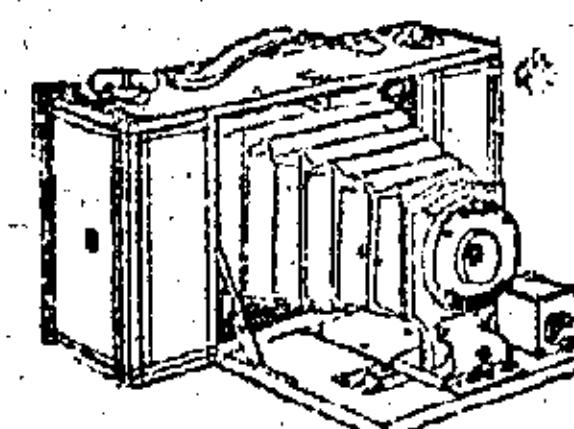


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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 11TH, 1911.

THE telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies which His Excellency the Governor read at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday, intimating that in each of the next two years a sum of £12,000 will be included in the Imperial Estimates as a contribution towards the loss of opium revenue which has resulted from the closing of the opium divans in Hongkong, must be regarded as answering more nearly to general expectation than the grant of £9,000 made last year. £12,000 represents about one-half the direct annual loss which the Colony at present suffers on the contract for the opium farm following upon the closing of the public smoking resorts, and as a "substantial contribution" towards the Colony's direct loss from opium £12,000 must be regarded as at least as much as the Colony could have expected to receive in the circumstances. The indirect losses sustained by the Colony have not been calculated, and it is by no means an easy task to attempt. Both the direct and indirect losses are not only continuing but growing losses, for as the exports from India are reduced, and as the price of opium to the consumer is increased, so the Farm becomes less valuable, and the rental paid to the Government will grow beautifully less, until the stage is reached that the Government will have to get from new taxation another million dollars a year, unless expenditure can be permanently reduced by that amount. For the time being

—while the direct loss on the opium farm contract is only \$268,800 a year—we can view the Imperial Government's "substantial contribution" as fairly satisfactory, but so far as we can read the signs and portents of the future, it looks very much as if the Colony will have to press the Imperial Government for an annually increasing grant-in-aid of the revenues of the Colony if Hongkong is to fully maintain the position it has acquired as the distributing centre of foreign trade for South China. We cannot tax the people to the extent of driving them from the Colony, or to the extent of driving trade away by reason of the comparatively high cost of labour and commodities which will result from increased taxation. H.E. the Governor has already thrown out a hint that further taxation may be needed very soon, and it may confidently be predicted that in future Budget statements this will be a constantly recurring note.

While touching on the subject of the opium trade we would draw attention to the criminal apathy of the Imperial Government in regard to the enormous losses with which British opium merchants in Hongkong and the Treaty Ports of China are threatened as a result of the strangulation of their trade by the prohibitive taxation to which the Chinese Provincial authorities are now subjecting imported opium in flagrant defiance of Treaty stipulations. When the Imperial Government was persuaded to "fall into line with China" on the opium question, a promise was given that the export from India to China would be reduced by a certain number of chests annually, covering a period of ten years, and ending with the final extinction of the trade, providing that corresponding progress is made in the suppression of opium cultivation in China. India has fulfilled her promise to the letter, and there is every reason to believe that the report of Sir ALEXANDER HOSIE, who is now on a tour of investigation in the opium-growing provinces, will show that China has more than carried out her part of the bargain. So far so good; and so long as China and India adhered to the letter and spirit of the ten years' arrangement there could be no cause for complaint. But China has broken the contract in another way, and seems to have half persuaded the British Government to condone the offence—"to fall into line" once more. China, as we have said, is endeavouring to strangle the foreign trade at once by clapping on enormous taxation; it may be that the consideration uppermost in the minds of the authorities is to cover by the increased taxation of foreign opium the loss of revenue incurred by the suppression of the native product. Anyhow, the effect on the foreign opium trade is the same. Within the past twelve months we understand the taxation on a chest of opium going into China has grown from about \$200 to \$700, and all protests from the British merchants to their Imperial Government so far have been without result. The subject was "under consideration" twelve months ago when the protest against the first attempt at squeezing was made, and it is "under consideration" still. Meanwhile the taxation has been more than trebled. British merchants who have purchased opium from the Indian Government in the fancied security of a solemn promise that the trade with China would continue for ten years, find that trade already practically killed by the enormous and ever increasing taxation which the Chinese authorities have been allowed to impose on imported opium in defiance of the treaty. Stocks of opium valued at many millions of dollars are consequently lying in the godowns of Hongkong and Shanghai, while, as the Indian Government continues to sell opium, the merchants trading with China are obliged to buy, in order to protect themselves against new competitors who may be induced by a depressed market to buy at prices which would enable them to undersell and ruin the older merchants who already have on hand heavy stocks bought at high prices at the Indian Government Auctions. Now, if the Imperial Government, in spite of its intimation that the trade would be continued for ten years—an undertaking on which merchants have naturally relied—is now prepared to tell China to declare sudden death to the trade by prohibitive and illegal taxation, surely the obligation rests upon the two Governments concerned to indemnify the merchants who incur enormous losses as a result of this breach of faith.

The total number of deaths from plague at Chefoo to the 17th ult. was 422.

The German Mail of the 8th February was delivered in London on the 9th inst.

Six Yaumati shopkeepers were yesterday fined \$5 each for causing obstructions.

A Chinese who stole a jacket from the Indian military lines at Kowloon was yesterday sentenced to seven days' imprisonment.

For stealing a bird's nest from a shop a boy was at the Magistracy yesterday ordered to receive six strokes with the birch and to be detained for forty-eight hours.

We learn that the 13th Rajputs, commanded by Colonel Camilleri, are under orders to attend the Durbar to be held by H. M. the King, in India, and will be leaving Hongkong next month

Captain A. E. Hodgins, of the a.s. *Haiyang* gave an interesting lecture on Thursday before the members of the Y.M.C.A. (Chinese section) on "Typhoons in the China Sea."

The dead body of a Chinese about 16 years of age was yesterday found floating at the Channel Rocks in Kowloon Bay. It is believed that the body was placed in the water to avoid the expense of burial.

High mass will be sung at the Roman Catholic cathedral at 8 a.m. tomorrow, and at 5 p.m. the annual Procession of the Cross takes place, followed by a sermon in Portuguese by the Rev. Fr. Veraglia.

We have received from the American Consulate-General at Hongkong a copy of the following typhoon warning despatched by the Manila Observatory at 12.15 p.m. yesterday.—Cyclone or typhoon E. of the Visayas Islands; direction unknown.

A curious report has been made to the police. They have been informed that a Chinese hired a sampan to convey 962 empty bottles, which were valued at \$21, to the *Nippon Maru*, and as he lay alongside the steamer four boats surround him and dispossessed him of his bottles.

Considerable discussion took place at a meeting of the Hawk Chamber of Commerce with regard to obtaining a legal status by registration under the Hongkong Ordinances. It was decided that nothing should be done unless it could be ascertained that the Chamber would gain any advantage through such registration.

A policeman arrested two men for street gambling at West Point on Thursday, and as he was taking them to the Police Station a boy, a friend of theirs, offered him a bribe of 17 cents to let them go. The boy was also arrested. Yesterday he was brought before Mr. Halifax at the Magistracy and was fined \$20 for offering a bribe, the other defendants being fined \$5 each.

Two men were brought before Mr. E. R. Halifax at the Magistracy yesterday charged with distributing seditious literature of a nature likely to provoke a tumult in the Empire of China. They were remanded, bail being fixed in the case of the first defendant at \$500 and a surety for a like amount, and in the case of the second defendant at \$500.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, accountants and auditors, of London, Hongkong and Shanghai, have opened a branch office at Kuala Lumpur, under the management of Mr. Charles C. Dunman, A.C.A. It is mentioned in the Singapore papers that Mr. Charles C. Dunman has no connection with any other person or firm of the same name in the Malay Peninsula.

WORLD-WIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVEMENT.

The Hongkong Sunday School Union is at the present time planning a series of meetings to welcome some of the leaders of the Sunday School Movement who are now about to pass through Hongkong. In this company is the Right Reverend Bishop McDowell, Chairman of the Sunday School Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, F. L. Brown, a member of the Executive Committee of the World's Sunday School Association and the Rev. E. G. Tewksbury, General Secretary of the China Sunday School Union.

The first meeting in connection with the welcome which is being planned by the Hongkong Sunday School Union of which the Bishop of Victoria is Chairman, will be held on Monday afternoon March 13th at 5.30 p.m. in Rathfond Hall of St. Stephen's College. This meeting will be combined with the regular Union Prayer meeting service. In the evening of the same day there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Sunday School Union at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at 8 o'clock. The Bishop of Victoria will preside. A public mass meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th March, at 7 p.m. in the Totsai Chapel. The subject of the evening will be "The World Wide Sunday School Movement." Mr. Au Fung Chi will preside. The speakers will be Bishop McDowell, Mr. Brown and the Rev. Tewksbury.

The party will spend Wednesday in Canton and return to Hongkong on Thursday, 16th March, in time to hold a meeting for Sunday School Workers and those interested at the Totsai Chapel. The subject which will occupy the attention on this evening is "What part Hongkong shall take in the Sunday School Movement." Bishop McDowell and Mr. Brown will again speak, and a discussion will follow. Mr. Ng Tin Po will interpret the addresses in the last two meetings.

Mr. Otto Meyer of the Ethnical Mission who is Secretary of the Hongkong Sunday School Union, in connection with the Executive Committee, is making arrangements for the above meeting.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE DISTURBANCES IN MEXICO.

UNITED STATES NAVAL AND MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, March 10th.

The United States Navy Department has ordered the scout cruiser "Chester" to Tampico.

The War Department has ordered three aeroplanes to be sent to Texas to be used in scouting.

The "New York" and the cruisers "Tennessee," "Montana" and "North Carolina" have sailed for the Gulf of Mexico.

BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES.

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

LONDON, March 10th.

The Naval Estimates amount to £44,892,500, an increase of £3,788,800. New construction is set down at £15,063,877, an increase of £1,784,074, which includes five large armoured ships. The personnel shows an increase of 3,000 men.

Of the cost of new construction, £1,788,645 is for beginning work on the new programme, comprising, besides the five large armoured ships, three protected cruisers, one unarmoured cruiser, twenty destroyers, six submarines, two river gunboats, one destroyer depot ship, and one hospital ship.

ADMIRAL MOORE PROMOTED.

LONDON, March 10th.

Admiral Sir Arthur Moore, who was Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron from 1906 to 1908, has been appointed to succeed Admiral Curzon Howe as Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO".]

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

"WAR OR PEACE?"

PEKING, March 10th.

The Governor of Turkestan has sent a despatch to the Throne stating that the Russians in Yili have now advanced as far as Wan Suk Prefecture, and asking whether the intention of the Chinese Government is war or peace.

The Grand Council has wired to this official instructing him not to act in a hasty manner. He is to keep a strict watch over the movements of the Russians, and to learn their intentions.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency Rear-Admiral von Krosigk and Mrs. von Krosigk arrived by German mail and spent the day at Government House, proceeding northwards in the same ship at midnight.

Honble. Mrs. George Kappel, Count Lutze, Baroness de Bribus, and Sir Archibald and Lady Edmondstone also arrived by German mail and are staying at Government House. Vice-Admiral Sir Alfred Winkler is also a guest of His Excellency and Lady Lagard.

There was an official dinner at Government House last night. Besides the house party the guests included—Dr. and Mrs. Vorotisch, Mr. G. Friesland, Mr. C. R. Lenzmann, Mr. R. Timmerscheidt, Captain Cayley and Mr. Noble, H.M.S. *Minotaur*, Commodore and Mrs. Eyres, Captain Lima, Portuguese cruiser, *República*; General and Mrs. Anderson, Captain Simonds, Colonel and Mrs. Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Keswick, Mr. Lubbock, Captain Nicholas, H.M.S. *Flora*; and Mr. Murray Stewart.

The *Hongkong Daily News* says—"We understand that the Hanyang needle factory, a government concern with a truly wonderful history, is shortly to close down. The amounts of public money wasted in this great white elephant are colossal. Corruption and gross mismanagement have punctuated the doings of this place, and we learn that still another venture is to be made by a private party to put the concern on a paying basis."

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

The forty-second ordinary meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at the offices of the General Managers Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., at noon yesterday. The Hon. Mr. H. Keswick presided, others present being Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. H. P. White and C. S. Gubbay, (consulting committee), Mr. L. N. Leete (secretary), Messrs. W. E. Clarke, J. M. E. Machado, A. Denison, J. Barton, H. Fook, A. H. M. da Silva, A. Forbes and E. C. Emmett.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, — The Report and Accounts having been in your hands for some time I will, with your permission, take them as read. The period which the figures cover is not one which has been marked by any exceptional features—outbreaks of fire have been quite up to the average, and some of the losses occasioned thereby have been serious. In these we have, of course, shared, but our losses bear a ratio to premium which cannot be regarded as other than satisfactory. The premium income, after the slight decline of the last three years, shows an increase of some \$9,000, and the income from interest a rise of some \$5,000. During the year the Japanese Government converted the 5 per cent. bonds in which the Company's deposit in that country was invested into 4 per cent. bonds, and the opportunity was then taken by us to redeem in cash an amount which we held in excess of Government requirements. The deposit is now \$100,000, redeemable eventually at par, standing in the books at \$82,400, which is considerably below the market value. This amount of \$18,461.54, taken in conjunction with the profit on Working Account of \$29,379.54, gives a sum of \$30,841.08 to be dealt with. We recommend paying a dividend of \$22 per share, absorbing \$21,000, and placing \$400 to Reserve, which will bring that fund up to a million and a half. The Reinsurance Fund, which was inaugurated a year ago, and has in that time, as you will see, fully justified its creation, will require building up for some time, and it is proposed to place the balance, \$52,241.08, to the credit of that fund. In view of the satisfactory results that have again been attained by the Consulting Committee have recommended a bonus to the Staff of 10 per cent. on their salaries, of which I hope you will approve. The prospects for the year 1910 are, I am glad to say, good. The premium income shows a further increase, whilst the credit balance carried forward is the largest we have ever experienced. Before moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be pleased to reply to any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

There were no questions, and the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. CLARKE—I have much pleasure in seconding the motion. I feel sure that I voice the feelings of the shareholders present when I say that we appreciate the successful working of this Company by the General Managers, the Consulting Committee and the staff, and I am sure shareholders will approve of the voting of a bonus of 10 per cent. to the staff.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. DENISON, seconded by Mr. BARTON, and agreed, that Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. H. P. White, F. Maitland and C. S. Gubbay should be re-elected to the consulting committee.

Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and H. Percy Smith were reappointed auditors, on the motion of Mr. FORBES, seconded by Mr. MACHADO.

The CHAIRMAN—That concludes the business of this meeting, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning. I thank you for your attendance, and I must ask you now to wait for the next meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Company was subsequently held, the same shareholders being present as attended the annual meeting. This meeting was called to submit resolutions regarding the payment of a commission of ten per cent.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, March 10th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. F. A. HAZLAND
(ACTING PUISNE JUDGE).

APPEARANCE UNDER PROTEST.
A case was mentioned in which Thomas O'Kane brought action against the Anglo-Chinese Education Trust Co., Ltd., to recover \$400.80.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner represented the plaintiff, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing was the solicitor for the defendants.

Mr. Kong Sing—I appear for the defendants under protest in this action, and ask your Lordship to strike it out. I think my friend knows that he has sued the wrong people.

Mr. Gardiner—I am instructed they are the right people.

His Lordship—Shall I treat it as an adjourned case?

Mr. Kong Sing—I would ask your Lordship to adjourn it for a week.

Mr. Gardiner—And would your Lordship order discovery?

His Lordship ordered mutual discovery, and adjourned the case for a week.

ORDER FOR PAYMENT OUT.

Closing Hing v. Grace Gordon was an action brought by the plaintiff to recover \$32.50, being to \$17.50 due for wages, and to \$15, being for one month's wages in lieu of notice.

Mr. Christopher Wilson, who appeared for the plaintiff, said he got judgment last week. When he received a letter from Messrs. Goldring, Barlow & Morrell stating that their failure to attend was due to an oversight, and that the case had been restored to the list. It did not now appear, and he asked his Lordship to remove the stay of execution.

His Lordship—I ordered the case to be put on the list.

Mr. Wilson—I had no notice of the application, and I should have something to say to this rehearing. I asked Mr. Goldring last week if he appeared for the defendant, and he said he did not.

His Lordship—Mr. Barlow saw me and I told him, I would stay the execution and restore the case to the list.

Mr. Wilson—Did not think the plaintiff ought to be made to suffer further by reason of the non-appearance of the defendant.

His Lordship sent for Mr. Barlow, who said he had no further instructions and did not think the case was over.

His Lordship—You made application for a stay of execution and wanted the case restored.

Mr. Barlow—On Wednesday I wrote to the defendant stating that I refused to act any more, and telling her that she must get another solicitor.

His Lordship—Has the money been paid into Court?

Mr. Wilson—Yes.

His Lordship—And the week is up?

Mr. Barlow—It is up to-morrow.

His Lordship made an order for payment out to the plaintiff.

AMOUNT ABOUT \$5.

R. J. Oudish brought action against Saib Jam an infant, to recover \$5 due for goods sold.

Defendant was represented by Mr. M. Reader Harris.

Plaintiff entered the witness-box, and was examined by the Court:

His Lordship—Where are you?—An Assyrian by birth.

I didn't mean that—A civil engineer by profession.

You claim from the defendant the sum of \$5 for goods sold and delivered?—Yes.

For a Japanese curio watch chain and one tin of Turkish cigarettes?—Yes.

When did you sell him those?—On the 3rd of last month.

Cross-examined by Mr. Harris:

Where was it you sold him the chain?—Where he is engaged.

You went to this place?—I was passing, when he snatched the thing from my hand and laughed. I said it was for sale, and told him if he wanted to make a bargain he could buy it for \$5.

Do you mean to say you sold it to him for \$5?—Yes.

Was not there someone else present who saw this snatching?—No.

Did you pay you something on account?—No.

Mr. Harris said he intended to plead infamy. The boy bought the chain from the plaintiff for \$5 provided his father agreed. The father took it and had it tested, found it to be pure brass, and told his son to return it.

Plaintiff—That is absolutely false. I sold the chain for \$5.

Mr. Harris—What is the price at which you usually sell those cigarettes?—\$1, \$2 and \$2. It depends upon the liberality of the purchaser.

You do not do very much civil engineering?

No, for the past few years I have not done anything. I tried my best to get a respectable post, but failed. Then I wrote to my own people and got these little things to keep myself.

You did not go to the defendant's shop for the purpose of selling these things?—Not particularly. When I go about I carry them and offer them for sale.

Defendant in his evidence said the plaintiff told him the chain was real silver and he offered to sell it to witness for \$15. Defendant said he would accept the chain if his father liked it, otherwise he would return it. When plaintiff demanded payment witness had only \$12, which he gave to him. He also gave him eighty cents for a tin of cigarettes. When defendant offered to return the chain plaintiff said, "I sold it to you, and things sold cannot be taken back."

His Lordship entered judgment for the plaintiff for \$2 and costs.

LOCAL SPORT.

FIXTURES AT A GLANCE.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. "A" v. Kowloon,
H.K.C.C. ground, 2 p.m.

Civil Service v. R.G.A.,
Happy Valley.

Crangewower v. K.O.Y.L.I.,
Happy Valley.

Teams.

H.K.C.C. "A" v. H. D. Sharpen, T. E.

Pearce, R. Hancock, A. A. Clayton, Rev. S.

W. Payne, A. O. Lang, A. P. Dashwood,

G. Hastings, P. Jack, Hon. Dr. J. M. At-

kinson and S. S. Moore.

Civil Service: H. Jackman (Captain),

R. E. O. Bird, J. McEwen, H. A. Cox, J. R.

Luig, H. Tellman, J. McKay, F. Bacon, E.

W. Dawson, P. Heathcote and N. L. Balkin.

Crangewower: L. E. Lamont, H. H.

Taylor, G. A. Hancock, R. A. Carvalho,

J. V. Braga, E. C. Braga, W. H. Viveash,

L. A. Rose, P. Currie, R. Pestonji and R.

Basa.

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE

The following is the League table up to date:

Club.

Played.

Won.

Lost.

Drawn.

Per cent.

Trait, c. & b. de Houghton

12 9 1 2 75.

R. E. & Depta.

10 5 4 1 50.

Yorks.

11 5 6 4 45.45.

Crangewower

12 5 3 4 41.66.

Remants

12 5 4 3 41.66.

Kowloon

13 5 3 5 38.46.

Hongkong "A"

13 5 3 5 38.46.

Civil Service

8 3 5 1 37.50.

H.K. Police

15 2 12 1 43.33.

OTHER CRICKET.

Police "A" v. Watson's.

BOXING.

Featherweight championship.

SHIELD FOOTBALL.

Naval Yard v. Royal Engineers.

K.O.Y.L.I. (soft half) v. H.M.S. Minotaur.

TO-NIGHT'S BOXING TOURNAMENT.

The sporting public will have an opportunity of witnessing several contests at the City Hall this evening. The bouts are mostly between bantam and featherweights, who are usually remarkable for their nimbleness, and make the pace much faster than in the case with heavier men. Among the principals in this tournament are some of the foremost of the art at present in the Colony, and the programme, which has been carefully arranged, promises some good sport. The main event is between Seaman Tinsan of H.M.S. Newcastle and Stoker Harwood of the Minotaur. The latter is the present holder of the featherweight championship of the China Squadron, while Tinsan is ranked among the top-notchers in his class in the West of England, and for two years carried all before him on the Cape of Good Hope Station. In addition there are four preliminaries, which are expected to be productive of excellent sport. The prices of admission are reasonable, and it is hoped that a crowded house will award the enterprise of the promoters in endeavouring to maintain interest in a sport which has many varieties in the Colony.

HOCKEY.

The final for the Royal Artillery Hockey Cup, which is competed for annually by the R. G. A.

stationed at Hongkong, was played on

Thursday, the contestants being 37th Coy. and 88th Coy.

From the commencement it was apparent that the 88th were the superior team; the ball was continually hovering in their opponents' goal, but the defence of the 37th Coy. withstood the attack so well that the score was blank at half-time. The 88th Coy. were rewarded by two goals in the second period of play, the first one, which was scored a minute after the resumption of hostilities, was the outcome of some sterling work by Corp. Hutchings, who made a fine opening for Lieut. Paris to steer the ball past the goalkeeper. Burgess added a second one shortly before time, the final score being: 88th Company, 2 goals; 37th Company, nil.

BILLIARDS.

The 87th Company R.G.A. made their first

show in the Soldiers' Club Tournament on Thurs-

day evening, when they met the Hongkong

Volunteers in the second round of this tourna-

ment. Two games were played, both being won

by the Volunteers. Private Phillips, beating

Gunner Pitt by 75 points, and Private Bishop

winning by 86 against Gunner Slater.

Score:—

H. K. V. C. 87 COY. R.G.A.

Pte. Phillips ... 250. Gr. Pitt ... 172

Pte. Bishop ... 250. Gr. Slater ... 164

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The Races for the Commodore's cups will be

sailed to-day. The Handicap Class will start at

2 p.m. and the following yachts will probably

compete:

Sorath: Diane, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher.

Scratch: Iris, Commodore R.G.A. R.N.

Receiving 12 sec. per mile: Erica, Mr. F.

Smyth.

Receiving 30 sec. per mile: Ada, Col.

Chapman.

Receiving 35 sec. per mile: Kathleen, Officer,

R.E.

Receiving 35 sec. per mile: Colleen, Hon.

Mr. H. E. Pollock.

Receiving 35 sec. per mile: Dorothea, Messrs.

Irving and Alabaster.

Receiving 45 sec. per mile: Aysha, Capt.

Loring, R.G.A.

The course will be Stonewall's Island (port),

North Fairway Buoy (port).

The One Design Class will start at 2.10, and

the following will probably compete:

Course: Trocas Rock Buoy (port), North

Fairway Buoy (port).

Smith has a lovely baby girl.

The stork left her with a flutter.

Smith named her Oleomarguerite.

For he hadn't any but her.

Huleyon Mr. A. B. Rouse

Bonito II Mr. H. W. Bird

Aldaa Mr. P. S. Jameson

Daphne Officer, R. E.

Alannah Mr. R. Sutherland

The first of a series of five races for Dinghies will also be sailed. This is a new class, and six boats have been built in it by the following gentlemen:

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 2, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of April, 1911, at NOON, when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary Meeting held on 10th inst. will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:

1. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:-

(a) That the following Article shall be inserted after Art. 10, namely, 10a: "The General Managers shall also be entitled in each financial year of the Company to be paid and to deduct out of the assets or income of the Company a commission of ten per cent. upon the gross premium earned or procured for the Company by the General Managers in Hongkong in each financial year (after deduction from such gross premium of the amounts paid by the Company for re-insurance of and for returned premium in respect of the risks to which such gross premium relate) on which premium no commission would apart from the provisions of this Article be paid by the Company."

(b) By striking out the words "as from time to time may be determined at any meeting" at the end of Article 13 and substituting therefor the words "as may be or have been determined at any time by any General Meeting of the Company until such remuneration is altered by any subsequent General Meeting of the Company."

(c) By striking out the word "FOURTEEN" in Article 43 and substituting therefor the word "SEVEN."

(d) By striking out the words "between the like periods every year" at the end of Article 65 and substituting therefor the words "on or before the 31st March in every year."

(e) By adding at the end of Section 1 of Article 95 the following words: "Any Branch Office of the General Managers situated abroad may be appointed the Agents of the Company abroad under this Section and remunerated in accordance with the provisions thereof."

(f) By striking out Article 111 and substituting therefor the following Article: "The Reserve Fund shall if practicable consist of a sum of not less than \$1,000,000."

2. That all payments heretofore made by the Company to the Branch Offices of the General Managers of the Company elsewhere than at Hongkong for commission for premium earned or procured for the Company by any such Branch Office be and they hereby are ratified and confirmed."

Dated Hongkong, 10th March, 1911.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE "HANSA" Steamship

"RHEINFELS," Captain Eslo, having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given TO-DAY.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst. at 3 p.m.

No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

This steamer brings on cargo:

Ex.s. "Miche" from Bordeaux.

Ex.s. "Göteborg" from Göteborg.

Ex.s. "Carl" from Stettin.

Ex.s. "Jarl" from Åhus.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1911. [432]

SOCIETA ANONIMA NAZIONALE DI SERVIZI MARITTIMI SEDE IN ROMA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CAPRI," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 19th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

No fire insurance has been effected.

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1911. [4]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held in HONGKONG HOTEL TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), 11th March, at 8 P.M. Hongkong, 11th March, 1911. [433]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

IN den Güterrechtsregister des Konsulats ist heute auf Seite 2 eingetragen worden: METZLER, Gustav, Prokurator, in Canton, und ANNA, GEDECKTE BRENS.

Durch Erbvertrag vom 18. Oktober 1910 ist Gütertrennung nach den Vorschriften des Bürgerlichen Gesetzbuches vereinbart. Die Verwaltung und Nutznießung des Mannes am Vermögen der Frau ist abgeschlossen.

KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

Canton, den 9. März 1911. [434]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 16th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 16th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1911. [368]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 16th March, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 16th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1911. [369]

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, at 12.15 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1911, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1910, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th March to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LTD., W. G. DARBY, General Manager.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1911. [428]

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1911. [370]

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Canton, 1st March, 1911. [399]

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1905. [111-112]

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1911. [429]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the Club House, on TUESDAY, the 14th March, 1911, at 5.15 P.M.

By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1911. [412]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE NINETEENTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES (1896 issue) of the HONGKONG CLUB, Payable on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1911, will be held at the Club House at 11 o'clock A.M. on FRIDAY, the 17th March, 1911.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the drawing.

By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1911. [399]

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, 25th March, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Members and Devonians wishing to attend are requested to send their names to—

M. S. NORTHGATE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1911. [403]

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

ENTRY FORMS of JULY EXAMINATION will be received by the Undersigned up to WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst., at NOON.

E. RALPHS, Hon. Secretary.

(Queen's College), Hongkong, 9th March, 1911. [424]

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It is not the quantity of food we eat, but what we digest and assimilate that nourishes the body. When the stomach and organs of digestion are diseased, and the food eaten is only imperfectly digested, there is loss of nutrition, and the body loses strength as a natural consequence. Not only does the system suffer from lack of nourishment, but the derangement of the organs must inevitably cause further complications. Indigestion is a most prevalent source of constipation, which in its turn causes a disordered liver, and finally you become burdened with Chronic Dyspepsia. Indigestion invariably arises from improperly prepared food, hasty eating, over-indulgence, fatigue and exhaustion during the hot weather, breathing foul air, excessive brain work, and more frequently from care and worry which exhaust the nervous force and weaken the organs of digestion. Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills are a safe, sure, and reliable remedy for all stomachic complaints. They aid in the digestion and assimilation of food, and in a mild and gentle manner regulate the system, restoring the weak and dyspeptic to health and strength. They give you clean bowels, a healthy stomach, a lively liver, active kidneys, and blood that is rich and red.

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The ultra-rapid cinematograph of M. Bull which the Marcy Institute of Paris has been making stereoscopic views of flying insects and breaking bubbles, taken pictures with exposures at the rate of 2,000 per second, the sensitive film being driven at the average speed of 130 feet per second. The usual stop of the film at each exposure is impossible at this speed, but a sharp image on the moving film is given by an electric spark not exceeding 1/40,000 of a second. The two long strips of film are wound on a reel or wheel 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter enclosed in a light-proof case. The reel is driven by an electric motor, and 54 strips of copper around its axis make and break the primary circuit of an induction coil 54 times at each turn, each interruption causing the secondary of the coil to flash across a pair of spark gaps arranged at a short distance in front. A series of quartz and Iceland spar lenses transmits the light to the aperture or ground-glass of the film case. Special devices are necessary to bring a flying insect within the field of view, and in one form the insect moves a light micros door in escaping from a glass tube, thus making contact starting the shutter mechanism as flight is begun toward the nearest window. The pictures made being shown by the ordinary cinematograph at the rate of 15 or less per second, instead of 1,500 or 2,000, the rapid motions photographed are easily seen.

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The power-storage plan of Prof. R. A. Fessenden, first made known at the last meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, depends upon the use of intermittent cheap power for pumping water from tanks sunk 1,000 feet or so into the earth, and keeping the water in surface tanks until needed. The power thus stored would be made available at any time by raising the water to drive turbines on its way back to the lower level. The water could be pumped in the usual way by windmills, or by sun-engines, or, better, by both. Solar heat is to be utilized by means of a large tank containing a shallow layer of water and having a steam-tight covering of wired glass. It is stated that the heat can be made to boil the water, generating steam enough to run a low-pressure turbine, and it is calculated that a "sun-tank" 650 feet square would develop more than 1,000 horse-power for 7 hours a day throughout the year. It seems evident, however, that such a result could be had only in a favourable climate. Comparing the expense of different sources of energy, Prof. Fessenden estimated that power from water stored by sun and wind pumps would be about one-fifth of steam, and one-fourth of that of gas.

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New possibilities in medicine have been discovered by Dr. Franz Nagelschmidt in the heating effects of electric currents. In a demonstration before the London Royal Society of Medicine, he used an alternating current of 22 amperes at 800 volts—instead of the very small current at 10,000 volts tried by D'Arsonval a quarter of a century ago—and with this he showed heating and cooking action confined entirely to the narrow path of the current. With the two rods placed on opposite sides of a piece of liver, the current coagulated the portion corresponding to the diameter of the electrodes, all except that in the direct course traversed being unaffected. In a solution of white of egg in a glass trough, the hardening could be watched, and with a current of 0.5 ampere it was seen to commence midway between the electrodes and progress toward them. The practical value of this action is expected to be great. Diseased tissue—like cancer—can be destroyed without loss of blood, localized pains can be relieved promptly by moderate heating, and many other results can be achieved, including that of strengthening and accelerating the heart's action.

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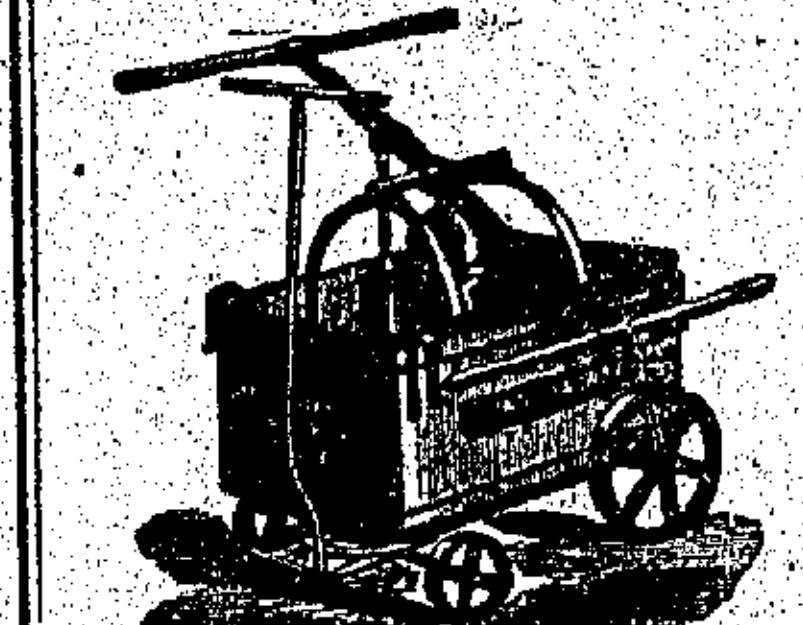
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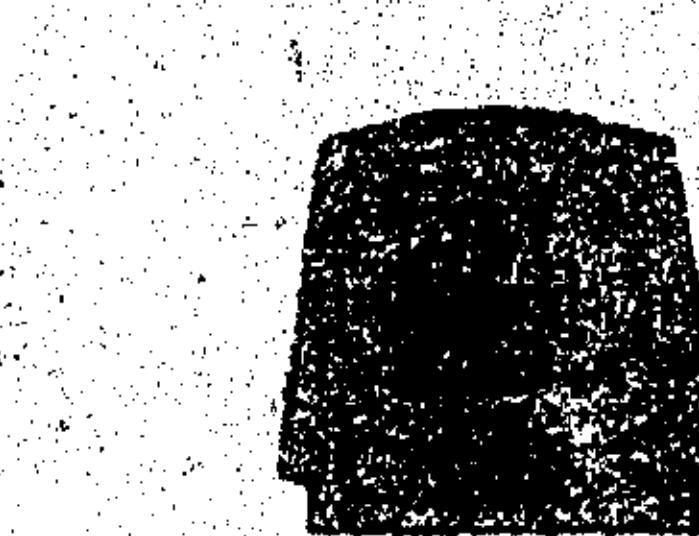
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UENA, THE GEISHA QUEEN,
OR
THE PLAY-GROUND OF PASSION.BY CHARLES J. H. HALCOMBE
(Author of "The Mystic Flower Land,"
"Children of Far Cathay," etc.)CHAPTER X.
THE NIGHT OF THE DEAD.

A beautiful day in August was drawing to a close as the yacht *Far Cathay* once more approached the harbour of Nagasaki. The vessel was now passing close to the northern shore of Kogen Island, and Uena and Merton were standing together on the after-deck admiring a particularly grand sunset and the beautiful though fast-fading scenery through which they were passing.

There is little twilight in these regions. The sun swiftly descended through the western sky and finally plunged into the blue depths, sending up a mighty splash of colouring which tinged sea and sky with its ruddy light. The radiance spread heavenward like a diaphanous fan edged with prismatic hues, and then the twilight glory trembled for a brief while and quickly faded as the full fold of the magic fan fell into the deep crimson afterglow which precedes the gloom of night; and stars fitfully gleamed through a purple haze, while the moon cast its silvery light upon the waters.

"Your day has begun," said Merton, turning to his companion, "and you will be home in less than an hour. Are you not glad?"

She toyed with the handles on her arm, but did not reply: so he pressed the question.

"How can I be glad?" she responded slowly and with a quaver in her voice, looking away towards the darkening hill. "You have all been so very kind to me and I have been so very, very happy. But happy days always pass so quickly. I wonder where we shall be when the plum-blossoms bloom on the hills again?"

"Together, I hope," he said in low earnest tones, "for the world would be dark without you."

"Look!" she suddenly exclaimed, pointing up the harbour to the nearer hills on the slopes of which myriads of lights could be seen moving upward. "It is the Festival of Bon Matsuri—the festival of those who have passed beyond the sunset to the Lotus Terrace of the Golden West. Strange that we should arrive here at such an unpropitious time!"

"Never mind," he said cheerfully, "life is too real and happiness too transient for us to allow unlucky days or bad omens to make us sad. The plum blossoms will bloom just the same."

"That is true," she murmured with a pensive smile, "they will bloom when the dream of Summer is past."

"Don't speak like that, O Uena-san," he said gently: "you are sad to-night."

She did not respond, but went and leaned over the rail, and he heard by the sudden catch of her breath that she was sobbing. He did not intrude upon her emotions, for in spite of their intimacy there was always—especially at these times—a certain reserve about her which he could not fathom or overcome.

During the passage from Yokohama he had learned much concerning her character, and what he had learned had only tended to strengthen his regard for her. Moreover, she fascinated him by the brilliancy of her intellect and the singular charm and refinement of her manner. Yet in many respects she was still as great a mystery to him as ever, and was strangely reticent with respect to the main object of her life.

It seemed part of her religion to sleep little during the night and to rise early in the morning for prayer and meditation; but after midday she invariably retired to rest for the afternoon. She maintained that certain hours of the night were beneficial to human and animal life and were conducive to occult power and spiritual exaltation. This theory she supported with an array of facts, fables and scientific deductions which were as ingenious as they were incontrovertible.

Of late Merton had spent many a never-to-be-forgotten-hour with her on deck in the quietude of night, listening spell-bound to her conversation and gaining much information of an abstruse nature. With gentle tact and sympathy she had inculcated more lofty ideals into his mind and had done much to break him of the intemperate habits to which he was addicted. But he was loth to admit that this Japanese woman—a woman, too, of a race which he had always learned to regard as inferior to his own, had done instrumental in bringing about this most rectification on his part. Oh, no, he attributed it to his own self-restraint and to the obstinacy and vanity and "egoism" of a man, prided himself upon his unselfishness in this—for her sake and gratification—relinquishing or rather restricting these customary indulgences.

She had also quite won the heart of honest John Splice, the skipper, who had noticed with secret satisfaction the benevolent influence she had upon his impulsive young friend and employer.

If worldly in many respects, Merton was a man of integrity and of sound business principles and although he had associated with the hypocritical prostitutes who ranked high among the "jolly good fellows" and snug *taipans* who reigned supreme in a certain club in Shanghai and whose opinions carried weight with the elite of that "Model Settlement"—men who regarded all native women as mere slaves and the more comely ones as the heaven-destined victims of the white man's lust—he had never been actually one of them. Still he had always rather feared their snares and had never been heroic enough to openly defy their narrow-minded conventions. Consequently his growing attachment for Uena had often troubled him, and he had wavered between two opinions, repeatedly asking himself, "what the Shanghai fellows would say" if he married a Japanese.

The shrewd kind-hearted skipper knew all this, and knew, moreover, that she was a good and innocent woman and worthy of any man's love; but, on the other hand, he was not aware that she had strongly hinted at the existence of an insurmountable barrier between them and that the time was fast approaching when they must part for good; nor did he know that the fear and knowledge of this had acted as an incentive to Merton's passion and had at length outweighed all other considerations, making him form a bold resolution to act independently and in accordance with the dictates of his conscience and to marry her if she would consent to become his wife. So when the yacht had dropped anchor in her old birth opposite the geishas' house and Uena had gone into her cabin to prepare for going ashore, he went over to Merton, who was watching the big being lowered, and drew him aside.

"You and I have known one another a long time, Mr. Merton," he said seriously, "so I hope you won't be offended with me for what I am going to say. Of course I have no right to interfere with your affairs, but I guess I have taken a particular strong fancy to that young lady we have brought from Yokohama.

"Never mind her race or her religion," he continued. "She is one of God's own creatures and she's as different from those geisha girls who dance the *fan kini*—and, even from the girls who live over yonder—as an angel is from a peahen; and if you don't mean anything, well—"

"God bless you for those words, Splice!" exclaimed Merton, impulsively grasping his hands, "she is all that you say she is, and more; and, believe me, I love the very ground she walks on. I would marry her to-morrow if she would consent to it!"

"Well, won't she?"

"No there's some confounded mystery at the back of it all. I know she cares for me and is fucking her heart about it—but there it is! She has no hope and as good as tells me that we must soon part; and the thought of it is driving me mad!"

"Pity great pity!" ejaculated the skipper, meditatively stroking his beard; "but under those circumstances you can only nail your colours to the mast and go fighting for her like a man."

"I'll do all that," said Merton with grim assurance: "I'll see it through if it costs me my life!"

Uena now emerged from the saloon followed by Kaisha, who was carrying their luggage; and as the boat was now ready at the gangway ladder, she proceeded to take leave of the captain and officers, whom she thanked for all their kindness. Then she went and shook hands with the sailors and, following a pretty custom among the peoples of the Far East, dressed each with a little monetary gift wrapped in red paper. She was as popular among the men forward as among those aft, and every one seemed to regret that she was leaving the vessel.

Captain Splice handed her down into the gig and saw to her comfort with a fatherly kindness, which was evidently most gratifying to her and which won the admiration of those present.

So the boat pushed off and Merton gave the order to "give way," the crew gathered at the bulkheads, and, led by the skipper and mate, gave a rousing cheer, to which Merton responded by standing up and waving his cap. While his fair companion waved her tiny handkerchief and bowed low to hide the blushes which suffused her cheeks.

"Well, well, they're a bonnie couple!" exclaimed Mr. McLochie as he stood watching their departure, "an' she's the bonniest lass I've seen outside o' Glasgow."

"That's well spoken, Mr. McLochie," smiled the skipper approvingly. "She's a good little woman, and I guess she's got love in her heart and a good likeness of heaven in her eyes. I'm a plain-spoken man and no tease-maker; but I haven't travelled up and down and around the world all these years not to know a good craft from a bad one. I'll say it again—she's a good little woman!"

"Aye, man, that's so—she's no so sma' at that," observed McLochie, turning away to attend to his duties.

The hills were now crowned with innumerable lights, which looked like the faint glimmer of fireflies as they bobbed about in the bright moonlight. The whole population had gathered in the *hakomas* upon those tomb-scarred heights to honour and propitiate the dead; and when Uena and Merton arrived at the geishas' house they found that all the girls were out. So, leaving Kaisha behind, they strolled along the beach to a point where Uena expected to meet her friends as they returned homeward from the burial ground of the geishas whose singing days were done and who were sleeping with their silent *samurais* among the wild flowers on the hills.

"Life is so short," observed Merton, "that it is a sad pity there should be so much sorrow and hatred in the world. What on earth makes man such a vindictive creature? I suppose it is born in him."

"Well," she answered, "if not a demon himself, probably he is swayed and altogether influenced by some evil spirit—some entity of the lower astral plane, which is none other than the so-called hell of the Christian religion. No doubt it would be far more dangerous for him to be unchristian than to be a good Christian; that motion and desire are a force. He is of an existent and impulsive temperament and wears himself out in a useless expenditure of energy; for when we swing our arms or rub our hands and otherwise needlessly exert ourselves we discharge large quantities of animal magnetism which are conducive to occult power and spiritual exaltation. This theory she supported with an array of facts, fables and scientific deductions which were as ingenious as they were incontrovertible.

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If worldly in many respects, Merton was a man of integrity and of sound business principles and although he had associated with the hypocritical prostitutes who ranked high among the "jolly good fellows" and snug *taipans* who reigned supreme in a certain club in Shanghai and whose opinions carried weight with the elite of that "Model Settlement"—men who regarded all native women as mere slaves and the more comely ones as the heaven-destined victims of the white man's lust—he had never been actually one of them. Still he had always rather feared their snares and had never been heroic enough to openly defy their narrow-minded conventions. Consequently his growing attachment for Uena had often troubled him, and he had wavered between two opinions, repeatedly asking himself, "what the Shanghai fellows would say" if he married a Japanese.

The shrewd kind-hearted skipper knew all this, and knew, moreover, that she was a good and innocent woman and worthy of any man's love; but, on the other hand, he was not aware that she had strongly hinted at the existence of an insurmountable barrier between them and that the time was fast approaching when they must part for good; nor did he know that the fear and knowledge of this had acted as an incentive to Merton's passion and had at length outweighed all other considerations, making him form a bold resolution to act independently and in accordance with the dictates of his conscience and to marry her if she would consent to become his wife. So when the yacht had dropped anchor in her old birth opposite the geishas' house and Uena had gone into her cabin to prepare for going ashore, he went over to Merton, who was watching the big being lowered, and drew him aside.

"You and I have known one another a long time, Mr. Merton," he said seriously, "so I hope you won't be offended with me for what I am going to say. Of course I have no right to interfere with your affairs, but I guess I have taken a particular strong fancy to that young lady we have brought from Yokohama.

"But," said Merton with a smile, "love is a passion which tends to link us to the earth and things earthly. What becomes of the man who dies with this passion burning within him?"

"Of course," she responded, "it retards the progress of the soul, though everything depends upon the nature of that passion and its reciprocation. We in this life have our social grades and distinctions and our low and genteel neighbourhoods; so on the astral plane there are divisions and distinctions, just as we have lived here, so shall we live hereafter, for a time at least and in circumstances corresponding to the degree of spiritual development to which we have attained during our earthly existence."

"With nature," she continued, "there are no precipitate changes. Some people erroneously believe that a sudden repentance—perhaps made on the death-bed—will change the whole tenor of their spiritual life and destiny. That is a vain delusion and quite at variance with the immutable laws of Nature. If we plant a cherry tree, we are likely in due season to gather cherries from it—but certainly not acorns, oranges or litchies."

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KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"BOHNEO"	5,050	End of Mar.
	"PRINZ WALDEMAR"	6,100	About

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1911.

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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.
From March 11th to 17th, 1911.

HIGH WATER. MEAN TIME. LOW WATER. HEIGHT.

Days of Week	Days of Month	H.Kong Mean Time.	Height	H.Kong Mean Time.	Height	H.Kong Mean Time.	Height
Sat.	11	10 8 44	4 4	11 1 22	1 1	11 1 22	1 1
Sun.	12	10 9 30	6 8	11 2 00	0 17	11 2 00	4 0
Mon.	13	10 9 30	4 6	11 2 00	2 5	11 2 00	1 1
Tues.	14	10 9 51	5 0	11 2 22	2 2	11 2 22	3 6
Wed.	15	10 11 11	5 2	11 3 45	3 2	11 3 45	0 9
Thurs.	16	10 12 32	5 7	11 4 13	2 8	11 4 13	1 1
Fri.	17	10 13 34	5 6	11 4 20	5 2	11 4 20	1 7
	18	11 15 58	5 8	11 4 45	2 2	11 4 45	2 2

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS

CHINHUA, British str., 10th March—Canton.
CONCH, British str., 3,542, F. G. Scott, 9th
March—Baliuk Pagan 3rd March, Bulk oil
—Asian Petroleum & Co.

DAIYA MARU, Japanese str., 1,735, Nakayama,
9th March—Wakamatsu 3rd March, Coal
—Mitsubishi Goshi Kwaisha

HAIMON, British str., 614, A. H. Stewart, 10th
March—Swatow 9th March, General—
Douglas, Lapra & Co.

HANOU, French str., 742, G. Bouvier, 10th
March—Haiphong and Paochow 8th March,
Rice, Pigs and General—A. R. Mart

HOBANG, British str., 1,359, J. M. Hay, 9th
March—Bangkok 3rd March, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HUNG SHUN, Chinese str., 208, Markusen,
9th March—Manila 6th March, Ballast—
Order

ICHANG, British str., 1,228, Lewis, 9th March
—Swatow 8th March, Ballast—Butterfield
& Swire

KEONGWAU, German str., 1,115, J. Kuhler, 10th
March—Bangkok 4th via Swatow 9th Mar.,
Rice—Butterfield & Swire

KIANG PING, Chinese str., 1,222, H. Uden, 9th
March—Chinkiang 20th Feb., General—
Tung Lee & Co.

LOYAL, German str., 1,237, R. Wegner, 10th
March—Bangkok 2nd Mar., Rice—Sander,
Wieder & Co.

ERHENFELD, German str., 5,500, H. Ebel, 9th
March—Singapore 4th March, General—
Hamburg-American Line

SHANSI, British str., 2,160, E. J. Pottinger,
9th March—Wakamatsu 2nd March, Coal
—Butterfield & Swire

STANDARD, Norwegian str., 894, A. B. Bull,
10th March—Saigon 6th March, Rice and
Paddy—Order

TAMING, British str., 1,350, G. H. Pennofather,
10th March—Iloilo, Cebu and Manila 7th
March, Sugar and Hemp—Butterfield &
Swire

THORENS, Norwegian str., 1,091, F. Gargensen,
10th March—Bangkok 3rd and Swatow
9th March, Rice—Aagard, Thoresen &
Co.

TRIPANAS, Dutch str., 3,815, W. H. Lap, 10th
March—Mike 5th March, Coal—Java
China-Japan Line

TUNGSHING, British str., 10th March—Canton.
ULV, Norwegian str., 885, Pedersen, 10th Mar.,
—Bangkok 2nd March, Rice—Aagard,
Thoresen & Co.

YUSHUN, Chinese str., 1,379, Westerland, 9th
March—Chefoo 3rd March, General—C.
M. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE

10th March.
Empress of Japan, British str., for Vancouver.
Loongmoor, German str., for Saigon.
Liongson, British str., for Manila

DEPARTURES

10th March.
CHINKIANG, British str., for Swatow.
CHIYUEN, Chinese str., for Canton.
DAONY, Norwegian str., for Candoi.
HAIYANG, British str., for Swatow.
KIANG PING, Chinese str., for Canton.
KORRA, American str., for San Francisco.
KWANGLEI, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
LUETZOW, German str., for Bangkok.
RUBI, American str., for Manila.
SHANSI, British str., for Canton.
SHINSHU MARU, Japanese str., for Takao.
TJIMAH, Dutch str., for Yokohama.

SHIPPING REPORTS
The British str. *Taming* reports: Light variable winds, sea smooth and fine clear weather.

VESSELS EXPECTED

THE AMERICAN MAIL
The P. M. S. S. Co.'s str. *Siberia* sailed from San Francisco on the 15th ult. for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at this port on the 14th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *China* sailed from San Francisco on the 21st ult. for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 20th inst.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL
The E. & A. str. *Albion* from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 6th inst., for Manila and this port.

The N.Y.K. str. *Nikko Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 2nd inst., and is expected here on the 13th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL
The C.P.R. Co.'s str. *Empress of China* arrived at Yokohama at 1:30 p.m. on the 9th instant, and left again at 5 a.m. on Friday for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on the 11th instant.

THE FRENCH MAIL
The M. str. *Polynesien*, with the French Mail of the 12th ultmo, and mails from London of the 11th ult., will leave Saigon on the 10th instant, at 10 a.m., and is expected to arrive here on the 13th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL
The A. str. *Lightning* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 6th instant morning, and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Indo-China str. *Foosang* left Calcutta for the Straits and Hongkong on the 1st inst., and is due about the 17th instant.

The Indo-China str. *Laisang* left Calcutta for the Straits and Hongkong on the 4th inst., and is due here about the 20th inst.

ASIAN CHINA STEAMERS
The O.S.K. str. *Seattle Maru* from Tacoma arrived at Manila on the 8th inst., and will leave thence for this port on the 11th inst., and is due here on the 15th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Yawata Maru* (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 10th inst., and is expected here on the 14th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Bombay Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst., and is expected here on the 15th inst.

The str. *Genesia* passed the Suez Canal on the 14th ult., and is due here on or about 20th inst.

The Mogul Line str. *United Kingdom* (Montrose) sailed from Hongkong via Siau on the 4th ultmo for Hongkong.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL

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Kamo Maru, Laertes 24th—Belgravia, Ido-
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28th—Benevento, Rietveld, Proteus. March
3rd—Beworth, Hitachi Maru, Inradarsia,
Kleist, Patricius, Perla, Shimosa, Ville de la
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POST OFFICE-NOTICE

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SIBERIAN MAIIS. - On account of prevalence of plague in Manchuria, the Mails via Siberia are considerably delayed. The Public are recommended not to use this route for transmission of correspondence until normal conditions prevail. There is only a weekly service between Shanghai and Dairen, leaving Shanghai on Fridays.

The *Meisoo*, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here this evening.

The *Polynesian*, with the French Mail of the 10th ultimo, left Saigon on Friday, the 10th inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on Monday morning, the 13th instant.

FOR	PER	DATE
Manila, Cebu and Illoilo	Loonpang	Saturday, 11th, 1.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Saturday, 11th, 1.15 P.M.
Amoy	Tsitswong	Saturday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Ehneinfels	Saturday, 11th, 4.00 P.M.
Haiphong and Swatow	Carl Diederichsen	Saturday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Tungshing	Saturday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Letters	Registration ... 4.15 P.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 5.00 P.M.)
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Chinhua	6.00 P.M.

Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui

Kobe

Singapore, Penang and Bombay

Macao

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Perth and Fremantle

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Tainan, and Newohwang

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Yawata Maru

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(Registration with late
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